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LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

The indications are that transactions in real estate will look up in this county.

Jim. G. Anderson of the Clarksville *Sentinel* was to have paid us a visit last Sunday, but did not come. What is the matter, James?

On account of ill-health Dr. Birkhead was prevented from making his appointment for this place last Monday good. He will be here in a few weeks.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Jesse Cropper informs us that he was only a looker-on and not a participant in the meeting of the dissatisfied referred to in our last issue.

DENTAL.—Dr. A. E. Noel has removed his office to his residence, in rear of Crews & Co.'s hardware store, where he is prepared to attend to all work in the line of dentistry.

St. Charles wants a double-track horse railway from that city to the Mississippi across the point, for the convenience of the farmers along the projected route, and also to cheapen the freight on lumber from above.

Pike county has an organized stock association with a paid up capital of \$10,000 with privilege of increasing it to \$25,000. The purpose is to furnish additional facilities for improving the breeds of stock. The celebrated Percheron stallion, Napoleon Bonaparte, has been purchased from Mr. Jeff Clark of St. Louis. This breed is the best representative of the draft horse, and combines in an eminent degree strength and speed. Can't the grangers of our county make some move in this direction?

Capt. John M. Reeds says that if the anti-appropriation men want his advice he will give it for the asking and without expecting the proposed fifty cents. It will be to the effect that money spent in a contest will be thrown away to no purpose, except to engender and keep alive resentments that for the good of the country ought to be buried; and further, that the money so spent would more than pay all excess of taxation caused by said appropriation. If we were to express our opinion, we would say that the Captain's head is level.

A friend of ours, a year or so removed from another state, came in the other day with the names and addresses of nineteen persons to whom he wished sent the number of the *Herald* containing the account of the election. He said these parties had written to him asking to be advised whether or not the appropriation carried. If it did they would visit here with the expectation of settling. They were all men of means, and had heard this vicinity spoken of as a good place for profitable investment. Many of them would want farms and still have a surplus to invest in industrial enterprises. Let them come. We have room and need for that class of immigrants.

One of those who voted against the appropriation for the machine shops at the late election got himself caught nicely the other day, though we don't know that he has yet found it out. He was a witness for the defence in the examination of John Crouch now being held. In his cross-examination he told about what he had saw as he went up and voted. The attorney for the prosecution propounded to him a number of questions which drew his mind from the election, then suddenly asked him, "where do you live?" "In Auburn." "How long have you lived there?" "Two months." The knowing ones smiled, and another name went down on our list of illegal votes against the appropriation.

DEATH OF JOEL BLANKS, ESQ.

When a citizen who by long residence has come to be regarded as one of our landmarks, is removed from our midst by death, the interest and regret are widespread and deep, but this feeling is intensified when the subject is one that enjoyed in so peculiar a degree the confidence, respect and esteem of the community, as did the late Joel Blanks, Esquire. It is no empty complicity to say that no man in the county enjoyed in a greater degree these marks of friendship, and that they were attributable no less to his genuine worth than to his genial and kindly disposition. He died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Witcher, in Monroe township, February 25, 1875, after a protracted attack of pneumonia.

He was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, February 27, 1800. In his native county he held several offices of honor and trust. He married Miss Nancy Compton, January 4, 1827. In 1831 he moved to this state and settled on Big creek on a farm which to this day bears the impress of his energy and management. It was here that most of his associations with the people of his county were formed. His house stood on the most frequented thoroughfare in the country, and over which, from the earliest settlements until the building of the North Missouri railroad, poured a steady stream of immigrants and other travelers. Esquire Blanks was elected sheriff and collector of this county in 1848; re-elected in 1850, and again in 1856. With one exception he was the only man who ever held three terms of that office in this county. Six children, five daughters and one son, were born to him, of whom four survive—Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Mrs. W. W. Birkhead, Mrs. Witcher and Mrs. John S. Thornhill, all of whom reside in this county. His wife died April 11, 1864. He sold his homestead in October, 1869, since which time he lived with his children.

His funeral, accompanied by the usual Masonic honors, of which order he had long been a member, took place last Sunday, from the residence of Mrs. Thornhill in this place.

COLLECTOR'S SETTLEMENT.

The following is an exhibit in epitome of the settlement of Collector Shaw, made with the county court, February 18, 1875, for the taxes of 1874. The tax levy of that year, exclusive of licenses and collections of delinquent taxes, amounted to \$92,946.52. The delinquent taxes on this levy amount to \$14,809.39, or about fifteen per cent., which is a remarkably good collection, considering that most of the delinquency was caused by the extension of time granted by the legislature. The amounts paid into our county treasury are ample to every demand. Our county pays the cash on every obligation as soon as presented, hence the good credit she enjoys in financial circles:

STATE TAXES.	
To Tax Book of 1874,	\$18,051 17
" Delin. Taxes col.,	1156 94
" Licenses,	957 11—\$20,165 22
COUNTY TAXES.	
To Tax Book of 1874,	\$50040 97
" Delin. Taxes col.,	3004 24
" Licenses,	1002 03—\$53,007 24
PUBLIC ROAD TAXES.	
To Tax Book of 1874,	\$7907 56
" Delin. Taxes col.,	220 31
" Licenses,	177 63—\$8,305 50
SCHOOL TAXES.	
To Tax Book of 1874,	\$10,056 82
" Delin. Taxes col.,	10 45—\$10,067 27
To total charges for 1874,	\$101,780 73

W. W. Shaw, Cr.

STATE TAXES.	
By Delin. on Tax B'k, 1874,	\$2,963 43
" Commissions	630 84—\$3,594 27
COUNTY TAXES.	
By Delin. on Tax B'k, 1874,	\$7,851 75
" By Commissions	1404 25—\$9,256 00
PUBLIC ROAD TAXES.	
By Delin. on Tax B'k, 1874,	\$1,256 24
" Commissions	219 31—\$1,475 55
SCHOOL TAXES.	
By Delin. on Tax B'k, 1874,	\$2,837 97
" Commissions	261 00—\$3,098 97
Total delin. taxes & commission,	\$17,325 29
TAXES PAID IN.	
By Delin. on state treasurer's	\$10,773 00
" county tax account	45,001 24
On public road account	9,915 95
" school	14,784 30—\$80,474 49
Total credits for 1874,	\$101,780 73

THE HOMICIDE.

The examination of John Crouch for the killing of Aleck Carter, before Esquire J. B. Allen and John M. Reeds, commenced last Wednesday morning, and at this writing (Tuesday, three o'clock p. m.) is not finished. About fifteen or twenty witnesses were examined for the state and nearly the same number for the defense. The prosecution then brought five or six for rebuttal, the last of which is now on the stand. The case will be argued to-night and possibly finished up. At this stage of the proceedings we forbear to make any comment or any surmise upon its probable disposition. The testimony has, in the main, corroborated the statement made in our last issue, concerning the principal facts as there given; that of the prosecution leaving the case a little stronger than we stated it, while that of the defense showed provocation and established that threats had been made by the deceased. On the whole, the sentiment has changed somewhat in favor of the prisoner. When the case is disposed of we shall give the salient points more fully, so that our readers may be able to form an accurate opinion.

One of our citizens last Saturday afternoon found himself in what might have proved a serious scrape. He was in the court house and became interested in one of the law books that had been used by one of the counsel and accidentally left on the table. He did not leave off till near evening and then found his egress barred by the locked outer door. For a few minutes his situation was unenviable. The door would not be opened again until Monday morning, and it would be impossible to make himself heard. What would the madam and the little ones at home think as the long weary hours of the night wore on? And then how these feelings of suspense would be intensified into indescribable agony as the Sabbath day and night passed away. The apprehensions of these tortures sunk into his mind with the vividness of a frightful reality. Then another kind of thought came: "What are my chances of being found when missed?" A candid canvass convinced him that the court house was the last place in the world he would be looked for. Then other thoughts chased through his almost dizzy brain. At last, and altogether by chance, one came along which said, "Why not try the window?" In about the ten-thousandth part of a second after that he bounded through the raised window and stood upon the stone steps, a free man once more.

SUPPOSED DANGEROUS CHARACTER.

Some suspicious circumstances connected with the prisoner, John Mulheren, confined in our jail for theft, lead to the inference that he is a dangerous character and has been guilty of violation of law elsewhere. Our exchanges that may chance to see this would do a favor in mentioning the fact and copying his description. He is of Irish descent; five feet, ten inches high; heavy set, his build evincing great bodily strength; complexion fair, with gray or blue eyes; face full, with a determined and rather repulsive expression. He claims to be from Wisconsin and says he has been working on the Sny levee.

The Librarian of Troy Social Library requests us to thank Mr. W. C. McFarland for sending and returning the first volume of Frederick the Great to the library. It had been missing for six or seven years. There are still quite a number of volumes out, for whose return the association will be grateful.

The *Mexico Leader*, published in a town that knows something of the value of manufacturers, says that Troy in voting for the appropriation to secure the machine shops, has made use of a splendid chance to rise ten rounds at a stride in the ladder leading up to commercial prosperity.

The effects of the election which secures the operation of our railroad by the first of October and the location here of the machine shops of the road, already begin to be apparent. A stock company is in process of organization to build a three-story brick business house, to help accommodate the inevitable increase of business. We understand that every room of this proposed building is spoken for. Others of the same kind will doubtless follow. A gentleman of our acquaintance, whom we know possesses the required means and energy, talks of establishing a merchants' flouring mill and box factory here. Parties who mean business have been here consulting about establishing a tobacco factory. We know of no other place where a tobacco factory properly conducted, would be so successful. At the same time this enterprise would be of great benefit to those of our farmers who raise tobacco and are compelled to take what they can get in Clarksville and other points, if they do not care to ship. By the time the workmen commence to build cars from our native timber, Troy will present a different appearance from what it does to-day.

Culvre has been past fording twice inside of a week, cutting us from communication from the county inside the forks, and disarranging the mail service. Crooked creek was so high Monday that the Wentzville hack did not go out; so we missed our usual mail that day which was a great annoyance. The advent of the cars will make a change in this respect. We will not be so dependant upon the subsidence of the high waters.

Since the thaw and rains it is no slander to say that our roads are bad. When will our public roads be so worked that proper drainage will be secured? How much good was done by the \$9,000 spent on them in 1872, and \$8,000 in 1874, over and above the poll tax? Is this not a subject worthy of thought and action? This is a bigger thing than the \$55,000 appropriation, and yet the waste continues year after year and nothing said about it.

A new plow factory at Alton adds four hundred to the population of that city, and induces the *Telegraph* to remark: "The simple statement of this fact speaks more eloquently of the value of manufactures to a city than could a whole column of rhetoric. It pays to offer substantial inducements to manufacturing companies to locate in our midst."

A slight snow fell Monday evening, but it disappeared yesterday and added to the slush and mud.

PERSONAL.—Mr. C. S. Cox of New Hope has been in town several days.

Mr. Tom. Hammonds, of Canton Mo., has been among us for several days.

Mr. Will Noel and family, of St. Louis, are visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. G. G. Wilson of New Hope, called to see us yesterday, and left us a little of the wherewithal.

Dr. Welch was in town yesterday. From him we learn that Hurricane township is moving in the same old groove.

Our good friend, Mrs. Phoebe Campbell, who has been visiting her daughter in Pike county, Ill., for several months past, has returned, and is enjoying her usual good health. Old age sits lightly upon her.

Mr. J. M. Frink, who was at the time of our issue last week lying in a critical situation, commenced to improve on Thursday last and has since been steadily getting better. He will be out in a few days.

Read the communications from Sheriff Carter on eighth page.

STATEMENT.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Troy, during the six months next preceding this date, March 1, 1875.

RECEIPTS.	
By revenue, By fines,	\$442.13 13.40.
Total receipts,	\$455.53.
EXPENDITURES.	
For officers' salaries,	\$102.50.
For police,	180.00.
For all other expenses,	150.01.
Total expenditures	\$432.51.
Balance in treasury	\$23.02.

WILLIAM FRAZIER,
Chm'n Board of Trustees, Town of Troy.

Mr. Buchanan, the paymaster of the Missouri and Iowa construction company, was in town last Monday for the purpose of paying off the workmen on the road. He passed down the line Tuesday morning with the same humane purpose in view. We are pleased to see this evidence of the stability of the company and trust they may continue in the good work until we have direct communication with St. Louis.—*Frankford Observer.*

Mr. W. S. Cooper has returned to Troy, and is doing a general agency business at his old stand. Cash paid for all kinds of country produce, or taken in exchange for groceries.

Take a few loads of corn to Crews & Co's hardware store and get yourself a "Superior" cook stove.

Champion Reaper and Mower for sale by F. W. Harbaum, Troy, Mo. The best machine in the market. n7

BORN.

LEE.—Near Millwood, Monday, February 22d, 1875, to the wife of Wilfred Lee, a daughter.

DEETS.—In Nineveh, February 7, 1875, to the wife of J. T. Deets a son; weight 8 1/2 pounds.

TRAIL.—In this place, Thursday, February 25, 1875, to the wife of John B. Trail, a daughter.

DIED.

ROBERTSON.—Near Montgomery City, on the morning of the 10th of February, 1875, Lloyd Parker, only son of D. D. and Kate Robertson, aged 2 years 11 months and 21 days.

Dr. W. W. BIRKHEAD,
DENTIST,
CLARKSVILLE, MO.,
Will visit Troy every two or three months, due notice of which visits will be given in the Herald.

NORTON & MARTIN, JR.,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW & COLLECTORS,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Particular attention given to controversies affecting Real Estate. We make a specialty of collecting all kinds of notes, bills, &c., at a reasonable commission. Office in the bank building.

E. N. BONFILS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the Courts of the 13th Judicial Circuit. Office in Bank.

JOSIAH CREECH,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Satisfaction given or no charge made; also Prosecuting Attorney and Public Administrator of the county.

G. T. DUNN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
NEW HOPE, MO.,
Also Notary Public, will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Special attention given to collecting. [ptovm16]

R. C. MAGRUDER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CAP-AU-GRIS, MO.,
Will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. [ptovm5]

FRAZIER & COLBERT,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Special attention given to collections and to the sale, purchase and leasing of real estate; abstracts of titles, warrants, deeds, deeds of trust and mortgages made on short notice. Large number of valuable farms for sale. Office on Main street in Henry's building, up stairs. [ptovm4]

B. W. WHEELER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will attend to any professional business in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit; also prosecuting attorney of the county and notary public. [ptovm5]

F. T. WILLIAMS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WARRENTON, MO.,
Also Notary Public and Real Estate Agent, will give special attention to collections, real estate practice, and the investigation of land titles. Office in clerk's building, west room. Satisfaction given or no charge made. [ptovm5]